

October 13, 2003

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Ms. Rini Ghosh  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
1925 K Street, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket 34284, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company—  
Construction and Operation Exemption – Medina County, TX

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

I have received the Preliminary Cultural Resources Assessment for the above referenced project and would like to add and/or correct some of the information contained in the report.

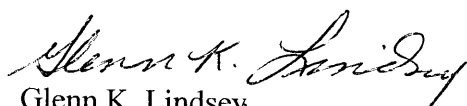
My first comment is that the proposed route would cross-County Road 4512, it is not noted on page six of the report. In addition, apparently, it would cross County Road 4512 directly in front of the entrance to my property. This has not been addressed in your report at all.

My second comment is that The Schuele-Saathoff house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is not correctly located on the maps in the report and is much closer to the proposed route than is stated. This historic house is located east of the Pichot Property and is between the Pichot Property and the proposed railroad route. I have enclosed a corrected copy of the Proposed Alignment map. Moreover, the house has been recognized as a Texas State Historical Landmark, and it has subsequently been established that the house was built in 1850.

Finally, my third comment is that my current personal residence is not shown on the report at all. It is located even closer to the proposed route and would be directly touched by this project. My home was built in 1999 and apparently has been overlooked by all involved in the assessment because they have been using outdated aerial maps.

I am one of the landowners directly affected by this project; the railroad would run right through the middle of my property. And, since I own the Schuele-Saathoff House (NRHP), and it is on my property, it should be necessary that I be included in the studies and notified when investigators are planning to physically survey this area. The overall consequences of this project to the historic homes and cultural artifacts have not been fully identified in your report. In addition, I believe a more comprehensive study is necessary before any approval or granting of any petition to the Southwest Gulf Railroad Co. If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me at (830) 741-4041.

Sincerely,

  
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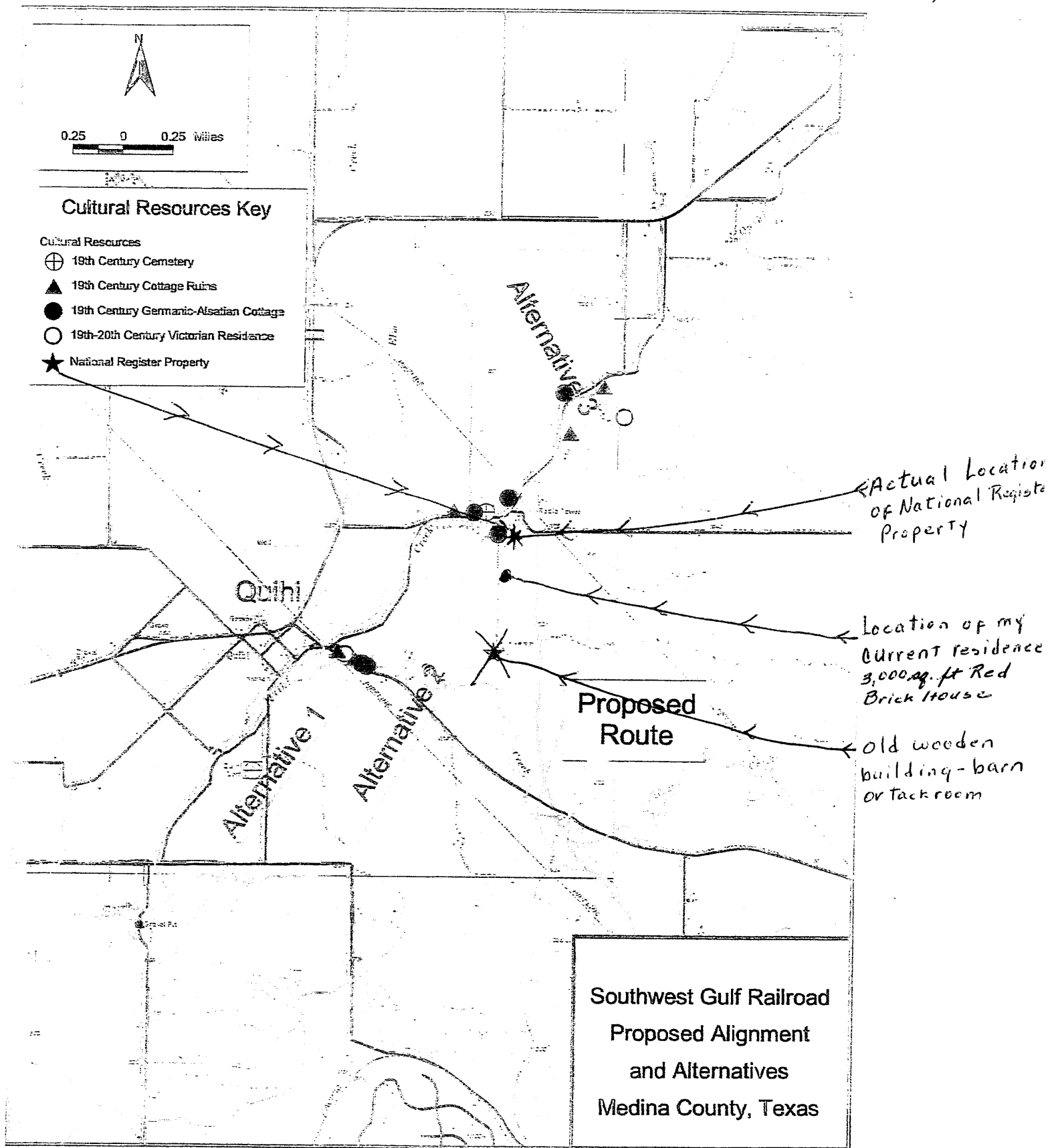


Figure 2. Distribution of the 19th Century Cultural Resources Located Within 1000 Feet of the Alignments

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Attachment from  
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